

## Wakonda Drive Neighborhood Project

December 3, 2015

**\*\*Snow Ordinance Reminder:** Residents who have access to their driveways will be expected to observe the snow ordinance when in place. Residents who have yet to gain access to their driveways will be allowed to park on the street, as close to the curb as possible, during the active snow ordinance. It is likely that the first snow ordinance of this season will be activated Friday evening, November 20. \*\*

**PROGRESS REPORT:** As provided by the contractor, the following activities have been completed:

- All driveways have been installed with the exception of 4 that will need to be removed and replaced.
- Rip rap has been installed at the outfall of the 72" storm sewer at the finger pond.

**UPCOMING WORK:** The intersection of the Hwy 28 and Wakonda Drive will be closed for a week or more to allow removal and paving. Now that the temperatures are cooler and days are shorter the concrete will take longer to cure. That will delay the time to allow the street to be reopened. We will monitor the pavement curing process and get it back open as soon as possible.

Wakonda Drive between Golden Valley Drive and Oakwood Drive will be closed to allow for the installation of storm sewer pipe and intakes starting today (December 3). This work is scheduled to be completed in 4 to 5 days. After the pipe work is done the road will be backfilled and a temporary concrete pavement will be installed to provide a hard surface until the finish pavement can be installed.

Curb and gutter installation will take place between Golden Valley Drive and Oakwood Drive shortly after the storm sewer work is completed.

There will be a sub-contractor arriving next week who will be installing "hydro mulch" over disturbed areas to protect against erosion during winter months and before final landscaping, seeding, and fertilizer can be completed in the spring.

There is an area on Wakonda Drive near the intersection of Waveland Drive that is holding water. The surface will be milled down to allow for that to drain properly. This should take place within the next week.

**COMMUNICATION:** Please do not hesitate to contact Tim Hoskins with any questions or concerns. You may contact him directly at 515-981-9527 or through City Hall at 515-981-0228. We will make every effort to get back to you quickly.

**OF NOTE:** This project along with another were opened up to contractors to submit bids long ago with the intent of getting good bids and to allow contractor's more than sufficient time to get the work completed. The City wanted so badly for these projects to proceed at a good pace with as little disruption to residents as possible. Unfortunately, it didn't happen that way. We do understand the frustrations of many of you who have been impacted by how long these construction activities have taken, especially those of you who did not have access to your driveways for an extended period of time and those who still don't. There are no excuses on our end. We do want you to know we have learned a lot during each of the projects that will assist us as we undertake additional NCIS projects.

Many of you have been kind, respectful, and understanding for which we are grateful as we too have struggled and stressed throughout this process. We sincerely thank you.